

Claim 2(amended). A method for clearing a re-imageable printing form, which comprises cleaning the printing form of ink, and treating the cleaned printing form with a fluid clearing medium in a non-abrasive manner.

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*(concluded)*  
Claim 3(amended). A method for clearing a re-imageable printing form, which comprises treating the printing form with a liquid clearing medium in a non-abrasive manner.

Claim 4(amended). A method for clearing a re-imageable printing form, which comprises treating the printing form with a gaseous clearing medium in a non-abrasive manner.

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Claim 16(amended). A device for clearing a re-imageable printing form, comprising a device for applying fluid clearing medium to the printing form in a non-abrasive manner.

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Claim 17(amended). A device for clearing a re-imageable printing form washed free of ink, comprising a device for applying fluid clearing medium to the ink-free printing form in a non-abrasive manner.

Claim 18(amended). The device for clearing a re-imageable printing form according to claim 16, wherein said device for applying fluid clearing medium serves for applying liquid clearing medium to the printing form.

Claim 19(amended). The device for clearing a re-imageable printing form, according to claim 16, wherein said device for applying fluid clearing medium serves for applying gaseous clearing medium to the printing form.

Claim 20(amended). The device for clearing a printing form according to claim 16, including an ultrasound source for irradiating the printing form with ultrasound.

Claim 21(amended). The device for clearing a printing form according to claim 16, including a heat source for heating the printing form.

Claim 22(amended). The device for clearing a printing form according to claim 21, wherein said heat source is at least one of an infra-red laser, at least one heat emitter, and at least one hot-air blower.

Claim 23(amended). The device for clearing a printing form according to claim 21, including a device for generating higher than normal atmospheric pressure in the environment of the printing form.

Claim 24 (amended). The device for clearing a printing form according to claim 16, wherein said device for applying fluid clearing medium to the printing form is a sprayer.

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*(continued)*  
Claim 25 (amended). The device for clearing a printing form according to claim 16, including a device for partitioning the printing form against effects of light.

Claim 26 (amended). A printing machine having a device for clearing a re-imageable printing form, comprising a device for applying fluid clearing medium to the printing form in a non-abrasive manner.

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